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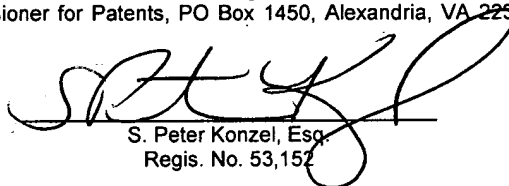
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1 and 2 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is rejected. Claim 2 is allowed. New Claims 3 - 5 have been added.